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November 16, 2009

Ms. Jan Palumbo (AWT-121) United States EPA, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101

Subject:

November 2009 Progress Report

J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY

Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the November 2009 progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from October 15, 2009, to November 15, 2009.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- Groundwater elevation data from existing wells are currently being collected monthly.
- Baxter has finalized the access agreement with the adjacent property owner to conduct the Supplemental Groundwater Investigation, and has tentatively scheduled drilling activities for the week of December 14, 2009.
- Based on field examination of the proposed borehole locations on November 9, 2009, insufficient space exists between the proposed borehole locations and the overhead power-line (20 foot minimum spacing between the drill tower and power-line is required). Based on this, the five northernmost borehole locations (i.e., those borehole proposed for the north side of 188th Street NE) will be moved to the south side of 188th Street NE. EPA will be provided with an updated map.

Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- The Remedial Action Pilot System will continue to be evaluated during the next reporting period, including monthly groundwater elevation data collection.
- Routine quarterly groundwater monitoring activities are scheduled for the week of November 16, 2009.



Other Information

Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

• Baxter has no other information to report.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature:

Name:

Georgia Baxter

Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Date:

November 16, 2009

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (650) 349-0201

Sincerely,

Georgia Baxter

CEO

cc: Jeanne Tran, Ecology

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